

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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## Feast of St. Monica ~ August 31, 2025

### St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
Tel: 415-751-5275

Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



### St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)

11:00 AM

Weekdays  
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary  
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions  
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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### St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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### St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

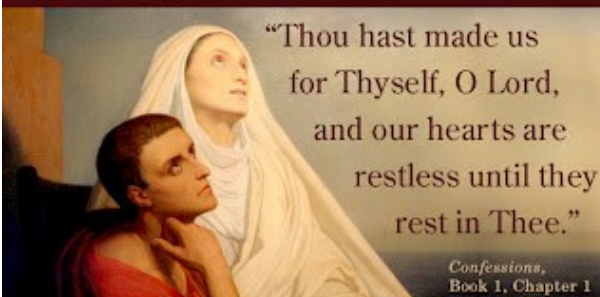
Sunday  
9:00 AM

Weekdays  
8:30 AM  
(Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday)

First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

### St. Augustine and St. Monica



## Nothing is far from God.

Saint Monica





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Feast Day of St. Monica to you! We give thanks today for one of our Parish's Patron Saints, one of God's holy ones who helps guide us along the journey back to him.

Over the course of my first year with you, I have often reflected on St. Monica and her life. One of the things that strikes me most about her is how she prayed and prayed for her family to be converted. She prayed, fasted, and shed many tears. This alone is a wonderful inspiration for us. After all, we too have many people in our lives whom we love who are distant from the Lord. St. Monica shows us how to respond: by storming heaven on their behalf.

And we see the fruit of her works, answered prayers. God heard her cry, and he came to her aid. Not only were her husband and son converted, but in a very powerful way. Her husband turned to the Lord in his last days of life, and her son became one of the Church's greatest saints. St. Augustine is considered by many the premier doctor of the Church, a teacher of the Faith that we hold dear. He is also considered the first to write an autobiography, "The Confessions." We learn quite a bit about St. Monica in it.

My friends, on this feast day, may we hold fast to the same hope of St. Monica. May we believe that God hears us, especially when it comes to praying for our families. The Lord loves them even more than we do. May we persevere in prayer with longing in our hearts for them. May St. Monica help us as well, that with her we will have faith that *"The child of such tears cannot be lost."*

Fr. Ben

***Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,  
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.***

***If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or  
mail it to the Rectory.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Parishioner      ☐ New Address      ☐ New Phone Number      ☐ Remove from List

☐ Send Sunday Envelopes

☐ St. Monica      ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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"You heard her plea and you did not despise her tears, when they poured from her eyes and watered the earth beneath, wherever she prayed, you heard her plea."  
- St Augustine

**St. Monica** is a patron saint for mothers and wives. She was an exemplary woman who never gave up hope and her faith in God despite all tribulations in her family life. If there are mothers out there who suffer from children going astray, here is your saint to whom you could take as a role model.

St. Monica was born in the year 332 in Tagaste, North Africa. She had a conversion experience at a very young age and lived a life of virtue.

When she reached a marriageable age, her parents gave her in marriage to a non-Christian man named Patricius.

St. Monica endured all her trials with patience, gentleness, and kindness. She would pray daily for the conversion of her husband. Her strong faith and hope in God's mercy paid off. Patricius accepted his wife's faith a year before his death. He admitted that he admired his wife's strong faith, and it was her unwavering kindness towards him that changed him.

St. Monica and Patricius had three children. St Augustine, being one of their children. She never gave up in her prayers for her son. She would fast, cry, and beg God for her son's conversion. Legend says that a drain formed in the ground where her tears fell while she prayed for her son.

St. Monica would approach the local bishop and ask them to win her son over to the faith. The Bishop would often console her, saying, "God's time will come. Go now, it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish". St. Monica was a mother who never gave up. Finally, the time came for St. Augustine's conversion at the age of 29. For her greatest joy, St. Augustine, not only embraced Christianity during an Easter

celebration, but he also decided to live a life of celibacy and devote himself to God's service. St. Augustine was not only a wonderful Bishop, but later became one of the greatest saints and doctors of the Catholic church. This was the culminating point of his mother's prayers being answered.

At St. Monica's deathbed, she said to her son: "I do not know what there is left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled. All I wished for was that I might see you a Catholic and a child of Heaven. God granted me even more than this in making you despise earthly felicity and consecrate yourself to His service".

Saint Monica, therefore, has been honored for generations as a special patroness of married women and an example for Christian motherhood.

Source: <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/st-monica-a-mothers-saint/>

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, August 20th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be this **Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall.

For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.

**Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be today.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

SVDP online donation QR code:





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### 2025 - 2026 OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Every Thursday from September 11, 2025 to April 4, 2026, OCIA classes will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Rectory. Do you want to be baptized? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed? Are you considering becoming a Catholic? If you are already a Baptized, Confirmed Catholic, are you ready to explore your faith anew by sponsoring someone you know who is interested in becoming Catholic? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or know someone who would, then OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for you. For additional information or to register contact Deacon Xristopher at [dcnxristopher@gmail.com](mailto:dcnxristopher@gmail.com).



### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD) FOR ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

Religion classes for students in grades K-8 in Catholic, private, or public schools begin on **Sunday, September 21, 2025**. This is a blessed opportunity for your child to grow in his/her faith and prepare for the Sacraments. We are grateful that you are considering this class for your child. Classes will be held every Sunday morning at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, beginning with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by class instruction until 11:00 am.

**Registration forms are available in both of our Churches and on our website.**

Please put the registration form in the Sunday collection or mail it to:  
Fr. Ben Rosado at 470 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121  
For additional information: email Fr. Ben at [pastor@smstaparishsf.org](mailto:pastor@smstaparishsf.org)



### ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

### WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

**ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please email Deacon Dana Perrigan at: [perrigan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:perrigan2000@yahoo.com).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY** will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the church's vestibule after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: [chriscrk6@gmail.com](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com)



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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/01	8:30 AM	Jack Hanley †	Mon.	09/01	8:30 AM	Anna Joseph †
Tue.	09/02	8:30 AM	Nena Ramos Sabularce †	Tue.	09/02		No Mass
Wed.	09/03	8:30 AM	Gelso Ramos †	Wed.	09/03	8:30 AM	Jacob Family, Special Intention
Thu.	09/04	8:30 AM	Joel Ramos †	Thu.	09/04		No Mass
Fri.	09/05	8:30 AM	Juanita Orpiano †	Fri.	09/05	8:30 AM	Lupe & Victor Sotelo †
Sat.	09/06	8:30 AM	Natividad Soliban, Birthday	Sat.	09/06	8:30 AM	Kelsey M. & Linda T., Healing
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	09/07	11:00 AM	Edward Christoph †	Sun.	09/07	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
August 24, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,231.00	\$450.00	\$811.00

### ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Next weekend, our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

### 2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. Your gift has a great impact. We hope for **100%** participation from our parish family this year. Thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries and the people who need and depend on our programs and services.

- ♦ Your generosity supports **Teacher Incentive Grants**. One teacher notes, "The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It's helped me assess my students' needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact on my life and the life of my students."

**Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$46,186.00.**

**We have reached 71% of our goal. Donations received: \$33,032.00.**

**Donate online:** <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/> or by using the QR Code

**Donate by mail:** Fill out the form located on the tables in the Church and mail the form with your donation to the Archdiocese.

